

least one location identifier corresponding to a landmark proximate to said geographic position, and to receive location-centric information related to said landmark.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3-13, 15-27 and 29-31 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 13, 20, 25, 27, 29, 30, and 31 being the independent claims.

Based on the above amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 9 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis issue noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-6, 8-21, 25-28, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,930,699 to Bhatia ("the Bhatia patent"). The Bhatia patent discloses an address retrieval system whereby a user inputs a selection of a particular business falling within a predetermined category into a user device (i.e., mobile station 10), the system being at a predetermined location. The system then searches a database for an address corresponding to the particular business or category of business within a predefined area surrounding the user device.

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Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-12

The Bhatia patent fails to disclose receiving from an information system both a location identifier and location-centric information as presently claimed. The Examiner suggests that the claimed location identifiers are analogous to the addresses provided by the system in the Bhatia patent. In fact, the addresses are the only information received by the user device of the Bhatia patent. There is no suggestion that any location-centric information is transmitted to the user device. For at least this reason, independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Because of their dependence upon independent claim 1, claims 3-12 are likewise patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 13 and 15-19

As noted above, the system of the Bhatia patent simply transmits an address to the user device. No other information is provided to the user device from the database. The Bhatia patent fails to disclose transmitting a location identifier and transmitting location-centric information as presently claimed. For at least this reason, independent claim 13 is patentable over the cited reference. Because of their dependence upon independent claim 13, claims 15-19 are likewise patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 20-21

As discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose receiving a location identifier and location-centric information at the user device. Similarly, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose a wireless device configured to receive and output such location identifiers and location-centric information as presently claimed. For at least this reason, independent claim 20 is patentable over the cited reference. Because of their dependence upon independent claim 20, claims 21-24 are likewise patentable over the cited reference.

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Claims 25-26

As discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose receiving a location identifier and location-centric information at the user device. Similarly, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium operable with a wireless device for receiving such location identifiers and location-centric information as presently claimed. For at least this reason, independent claim 25 is patentable over the cited reference. Because of its dependence upon independent claim 25, claim 26 is similarly patentable.

Claim 27

As discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose receiving a location identifier and location-centric information at the user device. Similarly, the Bhatia patent fails to disclose a system including a wireless device to receive a location identifier and location-centric information as presently claimed. For at least this reason, independent claim 27 is patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 30 and 31

The Bhatia patent fails to disclose a method of locating a landmark using an information system that includes a first location identifier having associated first location-centric information including an attribute descriptive of that landmark. Moreover, there is no suggestion that the system of the Bhatia patent receives a second location identifier having second associated location-centric information that includes the particular attribute. For at least these reasons, independent claims 30 and 31 are patentable over the cited reference.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 22-24

Claims 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bhatia patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,684,859 to Chanroo et al. ("the Chanroo patent"). As discussed above, independent claim 20 is patentable over the Bhatia patent. Because of their dependence upon independent claim 20, claims 22-24 are likewise patentable.

Claims 7 and 29

Claims 7 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bhatia patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,794,216 to Brown ("the Brown patent"). As discussed above, independent claim 1 is patentable over the Bhatia patent. Because of its dependence upon independent claim 1, claim 7 is likewise patentable.

With respect to claim 29, the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose receiving a street address representative of a particular unit of real estate and also receiving real estate information related to the particular unit of real estate as claimed. For at least this reason, independent claim 29 is patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

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believes, for any reason, that further personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

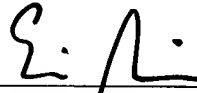
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Appendix indicating Amendments to Claims

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